Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways; to shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet in the ways of peace.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society

"Standing like a tower,
Our children shall behold his fame,
The kindly, earnest, brave, far-seeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame,
New birth of our new soil, the first American."

"Foremost captain of his time,
Great in council, great in war;
Rich in saving common sense,
And, as the greatest only are,
In his simplicity, sublime."

"We can not get on in our Church work efficiently without making our educational work stronger and stronger. Especially is it my conviction, which I have often stated in public, that our Church, ever since the war, has not done, anywhere on the face of the earth, a more Christlike work than it has done for the colored race."—Bishop C. D. Foss.

"The Missionary Society has helped grandly; the Church Extension Society has lavishly assisted; but the work of both would have been of comparatively little value if the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society had not supplemented all that the two others have so well done."—Bishop W. F. Mallalieu.

"I have watched for many years the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. I feel that it is dealing with one of the greatest problems this Nation has to solve, and it is dealing with it effectively. It is a religious and a patriotic duty for every Methodist to contribute to its funds. Its income ought to be doubled at once."—Bishop C. C. McCabe.

Order of Worship

Regular Disciplinary form, using "America" and patriotic hymns on pages 6 and 7 of this service.

Responsive Reading

LEADER.—If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother.

RESPONSE.—The poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land.

LEADER.—I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

RESPONSE.—Jesus said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me."

LEADER.—Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, that ye, through his poverty, might become rich.

RESPONSE.—Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

LEADER.—Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, only a cup of cold water, in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

RESPONSE.—He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

ALL TOGETHER.—Freely ye have received, freely give.

Our Field—Condition and Needs

The sixteen Southern States; population in 1900, white, 18,028,021; black, 7,941,817.

Illiteracy—Black People. There are 9,312,599 people of color in the United States. Of these, 8,840,789 are Negroes. 89.9 per cent of these are found in the old slave States. The rate of increase in the Negro population of the Nation for the last decade is 18.1 per cent. The rate of increase of whites of *native parentage* is 18.9 per cent. The blacks will not be seregated, or exported, or exterminated. Their increase is constant and rapid.

Of the population of the Southern States, 7,941,817 are black people. Though outnumbering the whites in some States, 20 per cent, or less, of the school fund is given for their education. The only hope of the masses is through Christian teachers and helpers from our schools. Family life in cabins is degraded. Moral standards are low. Here are two million illiterate mothers. This means four millions of illiterates for society and the schools to contend with in the next generation. It is safer and cheaper for the Republic, it is Christlike for the Church, to educate them now.

Illiteracy—White People. Of the 18,028,021 of the whites, 10.9 per cent are illiterate. In North Carolina, 19.5 per cent of the native white population ten years old and over can neither read nor write; in Louisiana, 17.3 per cent; in Iowa, 1.2 per cent of the population; in Massachusetts and Minnesota, .8 per cent. In every Southern State white illiterates have increased, and thirteen of these have 175,883 more illiterate native white men than in 1870.

The most destinctively American white population is, by all odds, in the Southern States. As a rule, the foreign born of school age is only a fraction of 1 per cent. In New York it is 12 per cent; in Massachusetts, 15 per cent.

Our field is in America. Our work is for America and for the world. The problem of the races in America is our supreme problem for the new century.

Our Schools—The Remedy

Institutions.—This Society maintains 25 institutions among the colored people, with 7,374 students; among the whites 16 institutions with 3,787 students; a total of 11,161 students for the year 1902-3.

Teachers.—During the past year 467 regular and 123 normal and practice teachers taught in these schools—total, 590.

Students.—Of the 11,161 students last year, 226 were studying for the ministry, 309 preparing to teach, 664 were in our medical schools.

Work of our Church.—The entire educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church for

these States rests largely upon this Society. In these 16 States our Church has gained a membership of over 600,000—whites, 280,911; blacks, 317,074; besides 2,847 traveling and 5,280 local preachers. The masses to be reached are poor and ignorant. The permanent moral and spiritual power of our entire Church work depends on the preachers, teachers, and Christian workers sent forth from our schools.

Need of Trained Teachers.—Trained teachers, white and colored, must be sent from academies and colleges to lift the people out of ignorance and moral destitution. Over 6,000,000 out of the 7,000,000 children of school age in the Southern States live in sparsely settled districts or small towns; hence the importance of good rural schools. For these, *trained teachers*, white and colored, must be furnished. How important that these be trained under Christian influence! The schools of the State are now weak and poor. Without such teachers, they fail utterly.

Our Schools—Results—Completing Lincoln's Work

Ten thousand ***teachers*** have been prepared for their work and sent out into this field by this Society. Nearly 2,000 have been educated for the work of the ***ministry.*** Over 500 graduates are practicing ***medicine.*** Thousands of consecrated ***mothers*** touched and uplifted, are shaping the home-life of the people. Many thousands have been equipped with thorough training in the ***trades*** and ***industrial pursuits.***

3520 received ***industrial training*** last year. Some form of industry is taught in practically every school. At Claflin University, we operate one of the largest and best-equipped trade schools in the South.

Our schools are ***centers of Christian influence*** and revival power. *629 conversions were reported last year.* The gospel of Jesus Christ, interpreted through Christian teachers, will humanize and redeem ignorant and destitute peoples.

Self-Support.—The gain in self-support in our schools and Conferences is marked. Here is practical proof that our appropriations invigorate, and do not weaken or impoverish the people. Our ***students last year gave,*** for tuition, room rent, and incidentals, $87,478.92; for the quadrennium, $297,657.89, an increase of $46,289.40 over the last quadrennium.

New buildings at Claflin, Wiley, Meridian, Meharry, Philander Smith, and Grant University are largely the result of local giving.

Our Society—Record for Past Year and Quadrennium

Conference Collections and Administration.—$105,000 and over annually for the past two years from Conference collections for General Fund, with no assistant secretaries in the field, as compared with $91,218.34 at the beginning of the quadrennium, and $84,860.72 in 1899, thanks to the co-operation of pastors and people.

An aggregate of $110,658 in cash appropriations from General Fund for schools during the quadrennium *more* than was appropriated for the same purpose during previous quadrennium.

$107,883.17 on account of debt collected to date, since July 1, 1900. Of this, $72,748 secured in cash on the Annuity Plan, and so invested that on death of donors these gifts gradually accrue to the liquidation of the debt.

$450,194.19 received during the quadrennium for new buildings, equipment, and endowment, almost entirely through special gifts outside of Conference collections. $128,605.70 received for this purpose during last year.

$87,478.92 from students last year for tuition, incidentals, and room rent, through careful business methods in collections.

The salary of every teacher promptly remitted each month.

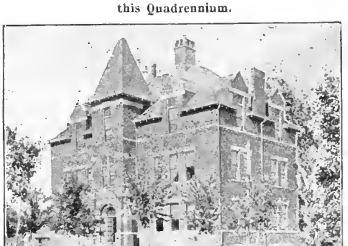
The cost of administration of the funds for which this Society is responsible is 4.8 per cent annually.

Schedule Showing Decrease in Administrative and Fixed Expenses, and Corresponding Increase in Amount Set Apart for Schools

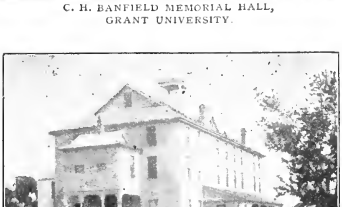
	1899–1900	1900–01	1901–2	1902–3	1903–4
Schools for blacks, ...	$52,600	$57,975	$66,975	$77,775	**$84,500**
Schools for whites, ...	7,000	8,625	10,775	22,200	**19,508**
Miscellaneous, ...	47,400	41,250	34,450	34,950	**35,750**
	$107,000	$107,850	$112,200	$134,925	**$139,758**

Centers of Christian influence, they stand for light, for righteousnes

Three of the Eighteen New Buildings Erected this Quadrennium.



C. H. BANFIELD MEMORIAL HALL, GRANT UNIVERSITY.



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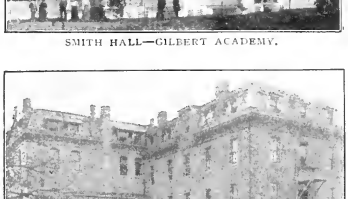

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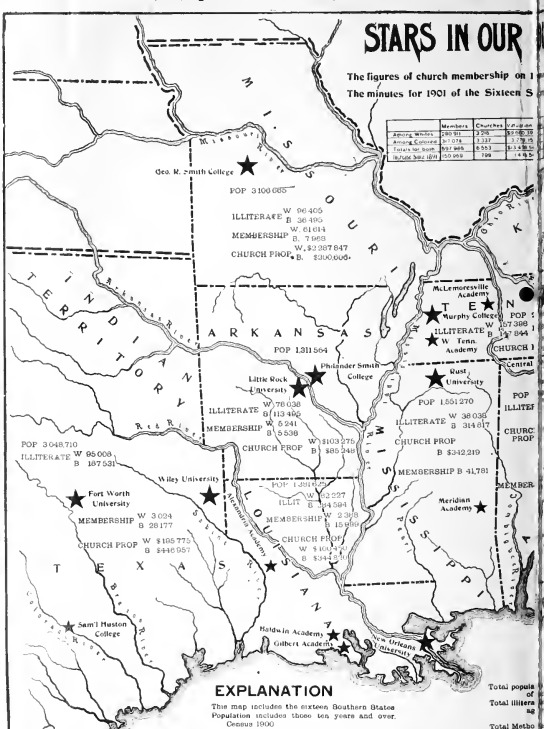


INSTITUTIONS AMONG COLORED PEOPLE

	Teachers Past Year	Students Past Year	Estimated Value of Property
THEOLOGICAL			
Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.,	4	48	$100,000
COLLEGIATE			
Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.,	16	205	60,000
Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C.,	58	609	110,000
Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.,	35	603	350.000
George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.,	15	144	50,000
Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.,	24	286	35,000
New Orleans University, New Orleans, La.,	25	503	125,000
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark ,	17	521	30,000
Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss.,	40	334	125,000
Walden University, Nashville, Tenn ,	50	1,104	125,000
Wiley University, Marshall, Texas,	30	501	64,000
Total,	320	4,858	$1,174,000
ACADEMIC			
Alexandria Academy, Alexandria, La.,	2	122	18,000
Central Alabama Academy, Huntsville, Ala.,	5	148	8,000
Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla.,	6	194	21,000
Delaware Academy, Princess Anne, Md.,			
Gilbert Academy, Baldwin, La.,	11	219	60,000
Haven Academy, Waynesboro, Ga.,	3	241	5,000
La'Grange Academy, La Grange, Ga.,	3	154	8,000
Carried forward,	30	1,078	$120,000

Brought forward, ...
Meridian Academy Meridian, Miss.,
Morristown Academy, Morristown, Ter
Sam Huston College, Austin, Texas,
Virginia Collegiate & Industrial Ins., L

Total, ...

MEDICAL

†Meharry Medical School, Walden Uni
*Flint Medical College and ✲ Sarah Go
training School and Hospital, New

Total, ...
Total among colored people, ...

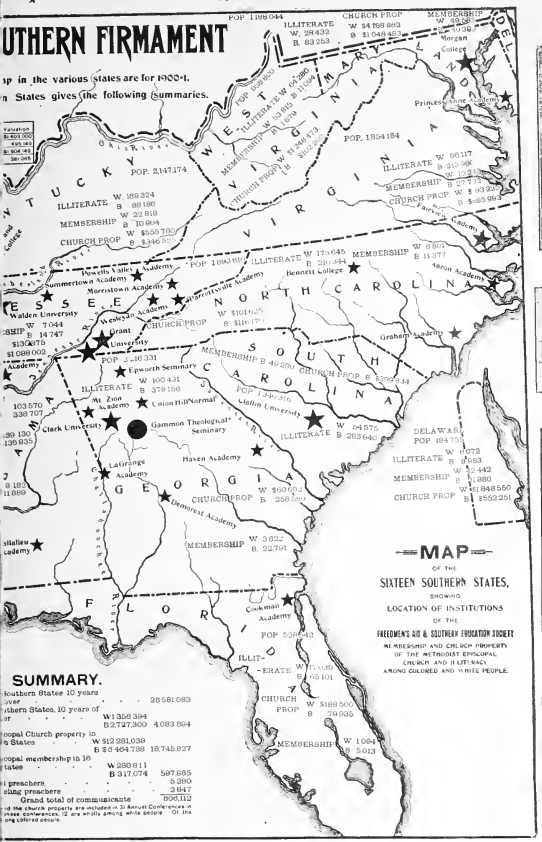
INSTITUTIONS AMONG WHITE

COLLEGIATE

Fort Worth University, Fort Worth, T
Grant University, Athens and Chat
1866 and 1886, ...
Little Rock University, Little Rock, A

Total, ...

Keep these stars shining by your generous aid, till the morning of a new da



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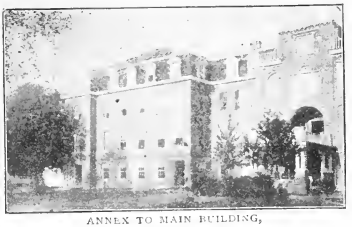


ANNEX TO MAIN BUILDING, CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY.

INDUSTRIAL SHOPS—NOW BUILDING, MORRISTOWN NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

NEW LABORATORY MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE, WALDEN UNIVERSITY.

MAIN HALL, WILEY UNIVERSITY.

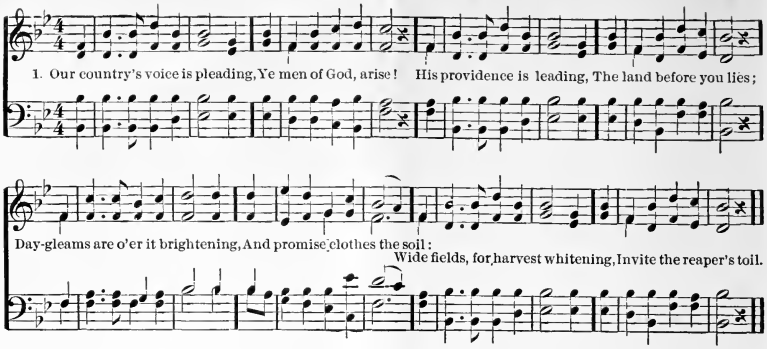
SLATER MANUAL TRADE SCHOOL BUILDING, CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY.

	Teachers Past Year	Students Past Year	Estimated Value of Property
	30	1,078	$120,000
	8	404	8,000
	27*	371	75,000
	16	252	48,000
burg, Va.,	.....	.....	35,000
	81	2,105	$286,000
ty,	.....	339	.....
lge Nurse-	13	72	$20,000
ns, La.,			18,000
	13	411	$38,000
	414	7,374	1,498,000
OPLE			
	51	824	$130,000
ga, Tenn.,	63	899	300,000
Leased,	.....	.....	65,000
	114	1,723	495,000

ACADEMIC	Teachers Past Year	Students Past Year	Estimated Value of Property
Aaron Academy, Montezuma, N. C.,	2	70	$5,000
Baldwin Academy, Baldwin, La.,	1	24	20,000
Epworth Seminary, Epworth, Ga.,	6	171	1,500
Graham Academy, Marshallberg, N. C.,	9	260	1,000
Mallalieu Academy, Kinsey, Ala.,	5	121	6,500
McLemoresville, Academy, McLemoresville, Tenn.,	6	105	5,000
Mt Zion Academy, Mt Zion Ga.,	4	185	5,000
Murphy College, Sevierville Tenn.,	8	371	20,000
Parrotsville, Academy, Parrotsville, Tenn.,	3	175	5,500
Powell's Valley Academy, Well Spring, Tenn.,	6	205	4,500
Roanoke Academy, Roanoke, Va.,	.....	.....	75,000
Summertown Academy, Summertown, Tenn.,	3	127	2,500
Union Hill Normal School, Watson, Ga.,	6	126	2,000
Wesleyan Academy, Chuckey City, Tenn.,	3	124	2,000
Total,	62	2,064	$155,500
Total among white people,	170	3,787	$650,500
Grand Total, all schools,	590	11,161	2,148,500

† Faculty included in Walden.
* Same faculty in both institutions.

OUR COUNTRY'S VOICE.

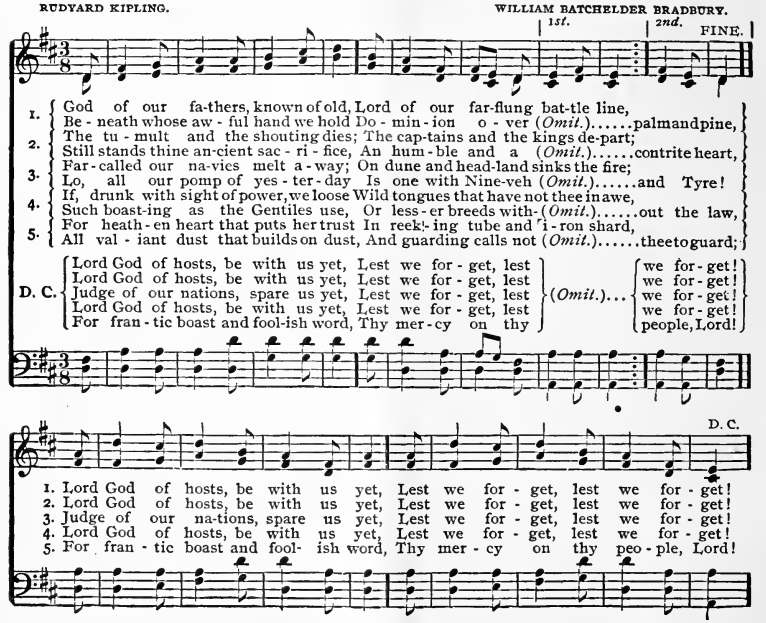


2. The love of Christ unfolding,
Speed on from east to west,
Till all, his cross beholding,
In him are fully blest;

Great Author of salvation,
Haste, haste the glorious day,
When we, a ransomed nation,
Thy scepter shall obey!

RECESSIONAL.

TUNE: *"Sweet Hour of Prayer."*

RUDYARD KIPLING. WILLIAM BATCHELDER BRADBURY.

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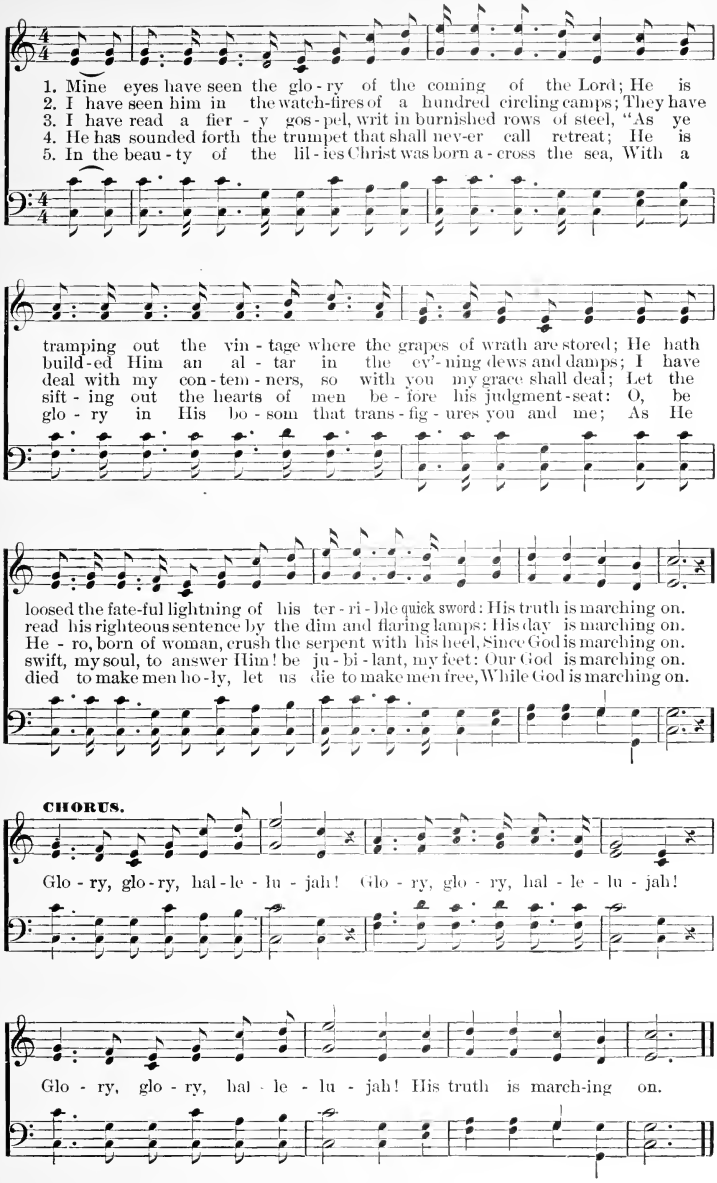
He does most to bring this world to Jesus Christ, who does most to bring America to Christ.

St. Gauden's Lincoln.

How to Help Our Cause

One-fifth as much as is given for Missions the General Conference authorized us to apportion.

In making gifts for the missionary work of the Church, give to this Society its proportion measured by its importance. Its work in sending out trained ministers and Christian workers is fundamental to the entire program of Missionary and Church Extension Work in the South. American Methodism is best equipped for reaching these masses. Education is at the basis of permanent Church work.

Form of Bequest

While this work is on your mind, plan to build your life and substance into God's kingdom, in the saving of America, by a clause in your will in the interest of this Society.

"I give and bequeath to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of $..... The receipt of the Treasurer thereof, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

Annuities

Persons having funds which they plan to have go to the Lord's cause, and yet need the income while they live, may give any sum now, and this Society will pay interest upon it during the person's life. These Annuity Certificates are as good as a Government bond, with double the interest, paid semi-annually.

Write the Secretaries about this plan.

If each charge will meet its full apportionment with our present equipment, the Society can practically double the extent and efficiency of its work.

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